

Restoring biodiversity values on farmland through direct seeding and seedling plantings

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## INTRODUCTION

Resilient farm ecosystems are vital for sustainable productivity and therefore profitability. Resilient farm ecosystems are a product of high levels of biodiversity.

Biodiversity is an all-inclusive term that includes interactive processes between the physical environment and living things.

It is about life, death and decay at genetic, species and ecosystem levels and is not just what happens in nature reserves!

PHOTO - Mixed plantings of alleys of biodiversity plantings provide windbreaks, stabilisation of creek-lines and habitat for beneficial species such as predatory invertebrates, insectivorous birds and pollinators. A combination of forage shrubs with perennial pastures in a paddock (towards rear of photo) has boosted production on a hillside seep that was turning into a salt scald.

Biodiversity provides stability of ecosystem function and therefore resilience to farming landscapes. A diversity of woody and herbaceous perennial plants adds stability to landscapes dominated by annual crops and pastures. They provide habitat for beneficial fauna that together help maintain ecosystem services such as soil formation, provision of food and shelter, pollination, cycling of nutrients, pest management, hydrological balance, a lovely place to live and much more.

A 'backbone' of native vegetation provides habitat for wildlife and adds resilience to farm ecosystems. Some might say that it just adds more 'roos', rabbits and foxes. And this is certainly likely: these are issues that need to be managed. The bigger picture is the health of the farm ecosystem and the farmer's vision for how they would like it to be now and in the future.

Resilience supported by biodiversity enhances the farm's capacity to buffer the damaging effects of disturbance such as storms, droughts, frosts, floods and plagues. Successful revegetation produces self-sustaining systems that have all of the key structural and functional elements necessary for successional processes to occur effectively.

This guide aims to provide methods as well as species guides that include key structural and functional elements of native vegetation communities of the mid-upper Pallinup River and surrounds. Vegetation communities are linked to associated soil types and landscape positions.

The capacity of the restoration work to evolve over time is enhanced by being linked to existing bushland, which enables more flora and fauna species to move around the landscape. An effort has been made to include a range of key species listed in the vegetation communities that are currently able to be grown from seed and / or seedlings.

## **SEED OR SEEDLINGS?**



The revegetation of poor quality agricultural land is achieved by the planting of nursery raised seedlings and / or sowing native seeds (direct seeding). The direct seeding of native plants is now a reliable establishment technique, provided there is adequate practitioner competence and access to appropriate equipment. Technological improvements in both seeding equipment and native plant agronomy have led to improved reliability and uniformity of direct seeding. Some species, for one reason or another, should still be planted as nursery raised seedlings / rooted cuttings (e.g. Adenanthos and Lambertia species).

The technique of direct seeding can readily establish plant densities of 1000-5000 plants per hectare, which is ideal for creating structurally complex vegetation. Direct seeding can be a cheap establishment technique (as low as \$500 per hectare) but for most operators it has a higher risk of failure than the planting of nursery raised seedlings that are far more expensive to establish.

While robust systems and improved equipment have been developed, the main obstacle to reliable establishment is the fact that direct seeding of native seed requires a much higher level of competency than that required to plant a nursery raised seedling. The important factors that determine the success of a direct seeding operation are:

- » practitioner competency
- » selecting the most appropriate sowing method, equipment and setup of equipment
- » understanding species suitability to proposed site
- » moisture management
- » appropriate pest and weed control
- » understanding site conditions (soils [pH, chemical history, and fertility], climate, land use history, pests and diseases, etc)
- » timing
- » germination characteristics and niche requirements of species
- » sowing depth
- » seeding rate and species mix
- » seed quality
- » seed preparation (breaking dormancy, inoculants)

### Practitioner Competency

People who are interested in the local flora are encouraged to develop skills in the area of direct seeding. It can take many years to develop reliable establishment skills and during this learning phase it is recommended that practitioners use direct seeding coupled with the planting of nursery raised seedlings to establish sites.

Often large numbers of species are involved, with highly variable seed size and shape, contrasting germination requirements and factors that can influence success or failure. For those people who are not interested in the local flora / revegetation it is recommended that appropriate people with expertise be used to provide technical assistance or contracting services.

### **PLANNING**







Diverse understorey species will create better habitat than dense stands of trees that outcompete understorey.

Prickly shrubs such as Hakea prostrata (left foreground), as well as bushy shrubs such as one-sided bottlebrush

Calothamnus quadrifidus (and right understorey) provide habitat for small birds and beneficial predatory insects.

Planning for revegetation needs to be undertaken in context with the objectives of the landholder and whole-farm planning. A few examples of objectives might be to stabilise soil such as salt scalds or gutless sands, to create linkages with existing bushland and habitat for beneficial fauna such as insectivorous birds, bats and predatory insects and possibly for fauna that you wish to attract back to your property, to make the place look and feel great and promote healthier ecosystem function!

If targeting specific fauna such as small mammals, dense understorey will be needed. Stages of planning for revegetation include site assessment, organising resources to undertake the work, including seed and / or seedlings, machinery, funding and labour, and how to monitor achievement of objectives.



Where soil type and landscape position is suitable, revegetation that includes species such as banksias and hakeas can provide endangered species such as Carnaby's Cockatoo valuable additional food sources. Cockies are shown here feeding on Banksia mucronulata located on a gravel ridge west of Tambellup.

### SITE ASSESSMENT



Information gathered at the site assessment informs revegetation design including site preparation, species selection and quantities of seed and / or seedlings, planting techniques and design, and threats to successful outcomes such as water-logging / salinity, rabbits, kangaroos and weeds. It is also a good time to consider necessary monitoring processes that track progress to achieve objectives and identify actions that need to be taken to mitigate threats.

When visiting site, ensure boots and equipment are clean prior to entering and leaving site to prevent spread of disease such as dieback (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*). See page 13 for information on hygiene protocols.

It is useful to have an aerial photograph showing site and adjacent landscape features / habitats such as remnant vegetation, wetlands, and existing fencing; a pick or shovel to check out soil type; and a camera to take reference photos.





Before and after photos are valuable for monitoring change following revegetation activities.

#### COLLECT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM SITE AND DESKTOP ANALYSIS

- » Objectives of the planting, including expected timing of planting
- » Location of site (with GPS coordinates to mark boundaries)
- Landform and associated rocks if visible
   (e.g. granite outcrop, riparian, sand plain)
- » Soil type and colour of top-soil and sub-soil (sand/loamy, sand/clayey, sand/sandy, loam, loam/clay, loam/sandy, clay/loamy, clay/clay, with or without gravel), approximate depth of topsoil
- » Map different soil types
- » Condition of soil (e.g. compacted, % ground cover and type, evidence or threat of wind or water erosion) and hydrological features (e.g. water-logging, salinity, non-wetting)
- » Vegetation type (ie. the tallest dominant species that is known to grow on that soil type and landscape position e.g. flat-topped yate (Eucalyptus occidentalis)

- » Previous land use (e.g. grazing and fire history)
- » Paddock fertiliser and herbicide history
- » Are there factors that prevent the original vegetation being re-established (e.g. altered nutritional status, site now salt affected, altered soil pH)?
- » List weeds observed and abundance
- An inventory of resources available for achieving objectives (e.g. identify matching vegetation type in bushland nearby that can be used as seed sources; machinery; labour; funding)
- » Methods of weed and pest control, preparation and planting technique
- » Once area to be revegetated is finalised, estimate the area to be revegetated to calculate quantities and cost of revegetation
- Take before photos from a spot(s) that can be easily replicated later as a minimum monitoring and evaluation tool

## **SPECIES SELECTION**











Sea rush Juncus kraussii thrives with upwelling of water in salt scald planted 1997 (left) showing recruitment 2012 (centre and right).

- 1 » Match the vegetation type identified in the site assessment process with the appropriate vegetation community listed at the end of this guide. It is emphasised that these lists are a starting point to guide the use of local species.
- 2 » Be sure to include the different layers of vegetation that occur with the target vegetation type e.g. Flat-topped yate woodland with bottlebrushes, paperbarks and rushes on winter waterlogging-prone soil.
- 3 » Include pioneer and coloniser species. Pioneer species are those that come up, often in large numbers after disturbance (such as fire), grow quickly, produce lots of seed and litter, and usually put nitrogen in the soil - and are often short-lived. That is, they set up the conditions for coloniser species that are slower growing and longer lived to establish. Examples of pioneer species are wattles (Acacia species), peas (eq. Bossiaea, Kennedia, Senna), native hibiscus (Alyogyne) and sheoak (Allocasuarina).
- 4 » Select a diverse mix of species in the lower, middle and upper storey to maximise habitat values (e.g. asynchronous flowering times, flower shapes and plant forms such as prickly, bushy, etc.) and resilience of the vegetation to be self-replacing over time (e.g. seeders and sprouters). Tree seedlings < 25% of overall planting with low, mid and tall shrubs, herbs, grasses and / or rushes making up the remainder. For information on seeding rates and mixes, see page 11.
- 5 » Seed collected from species in stands with large populations (more than 100-200 plants) will result in the highest quality revegetation sites. When this is not possible, seeds from smaller populations should be combined to ensure that newly restored populations have high genetic diversity. As a general rule, source seed from stands as close as possible to the revegetation site.
- 6 » Include spreading ground covers that protect the soil and trap water and nutrient runoff, thus reducing soil erosion, sedimentation and pollution of watercourses. Examples are rushes and sedges for creeklines / wet areas (e.g. Juncus kraussii, Ficinia nodosa, Juncus pallidus), low spreading shrubs and ground covers such as some Acacia, Kennedia, Brachysemsa species (now officially included with Gastrolobium genus but don't contain 1080), native pigfaces (Carpobrotus and Disphyma), and native grasses (e.g. wallaby grass, kangaroo grass, weeping rice grass and rush grass Austrostipa juncifolia).

## SITE PREPARATION



- 1 » Retain old and large trees, dead or alive, as much as possible. They are important habitat for birds of prey which help control pests such as rabbits and mice, and bats to assist with insect pest management. Insectivorous bats eat up to twice their weight in insects every day.
  - Logs should also be retained because they provide homes for small mammals such as echidnas, as well as reptiles and invertebrates. If logs are obstructing planting routes, they can be pushed out of the way but not burnt.
- 2 » Waterlogged and / or salt affected soils should be mounded. If mounding in a separate pass to planting, mound in summer / early autumn to allow settlement and germination of weeds prior to planting.
  - Once mounded, don't allow stock onto mounded area or will damage the mounds. If grassy will need scarifying or scalping prior to mounding or will be cloddy and make poor mounds. Spray mounds after grasses have established on mounds, prior to planting.
- 3 » On rocky, difficult to access sites, a non-standard direct seeding approach might be required; seek technical assistance for these sites. Alternatively, deep ripping with a 3-point linkage ripper and spraying rip lines with appropriate herbicide might be the best option in preparation for planting seedlings with a pottiputki (handheld tree planter).



Woody debris including hollow logs are important to keep as trap soil, litter and seeds and provide habitat; helping to crank up 'islands' of ecosystem function in degraded lands.



Mounding is needed on waterloggingprone and saline soils. Contact NSPNR or the Gillamii Centre for availability of mounders.



Gen Harvey (Gillamii Centre) and Penni Hewett (South Coast NRM) planting seedlings into seeded soil using pottiputkis available from the North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources (NSPNR).

## **MACHINERY AND APPROACH**







Broomehill farmer David Kinsey direct seeding with Chatfield Tree Planter with precision seeding attachment available from NSPNR.



Chatfield Tree Planter available from Gillamii Centre drops seed on soil surface. Heavy chain aiming to cover coarse seed and fine chain to cover fine seed.



CommVeg seeder enables optimal seed placement, which is critical on light sandy soils that are unable to retain moisture around the seed. For more information contact NSPNR.

A common tree planter that is fitted with a small seeds box can be used to direct sow native seeds (e.g. a Chatfield Tree Planter). Such equipment can be used to scalp 50mm of topsoil (to remove weed seeds), make a shallow rip (20-30cm deep), and scatter seed on the freshly disturbed soil.

It is advisable to drag a steel chain (or something similar) behind the machine to ensure shallow soil coverage over seed. This approach can be somewhat unreliable, deliver a non-uniform result and can be dramatically improved by modifying the machine so that the seed is placed in a stable soil environment at a precise depth.

Modified agricultural seeders can also be used to sow native plants, particularly native legumes (Acacia and Kennedia) and grasses. Proponents should however seek professional guidance as the sowing of natives is somewhat different to cereal crops and pastures.

While it might seem desirable to sow very quickly with a large modern air-seeder, the results are usually not as reliable as that achieved with machinery purpose built for native plants (modified tree planter or a purpose built native plant seeder such as a CommVeg seeder).

Agricultural machinery does a very poor job of sowing species such as many Melaleuca and Eucalyptus species. Higher seeding rates (double rates) should be used when seeding with standard agricultural machinery as this partially offsets lower seed use efficiency.

A local, purpose built, native plant seeder, the CommVeg seeder, is available. Contact your local NRM office to arrange hire. This machine can be used to scalp, rip and sow 1-3 lines per pass. On mounded wet sites it can be used to sow seeds on the top of tall mounds. Seedlings can either be planted by hand, with a pottiputki if already direct seeded, or from the back of a Chatfield Tree Planter.

## **PLANTING DESIGN**



Unless planting on fragile non-wetting sand, row spacings can be around 2.5m centres. Allow room to get over with a machine for follow up applications for control of insect pests or post-emergent weed control in the following year after planting. It is ideal to get as many rows in as possible and practical to maximize the cover of native vegetation.

On light fragile soils, 4m row centres are recommended and avoid aligning planting rows with the prevailing wind direction to minimise the risk of soil erosion. Do not scalp downslope on sandy soils. It is recommended to plant on the contour where possible in non-water-logged sites to enable water to be retained on site. Along waterways, where practical, mound at 45° to the direction of water flow to allow drainage of water to the watercourse and minimise the risk of erosion from flood events.

Plant spacings within rows will depend on methods used and budget available. If direct seeding and seedlings, it is expected that 5m seedling spacings would be ample unless difficult conditions. Direct seeding is unsuitable for heavy clay soils and seedlings can be planted 1-2m apart. On salt scalds, direct seeding can be successful on mounds but it is a good idea to supplement with seedlings of species such as fiery bottlebrush (Callistemon phoeniceus) that can't cope with high salinity levels when germinating.

Established plant densities can be much higher when direct seeding than seedlings only. When all layers of vegetation are planted / seeded, it is not unrealistic to expect >4,000 stems/ha. To give a comparison with native bush regeneration 12 months post fire, over >40,000 stems/ha (including grasses) were recorded in a brown mallet Eucalyptus astringens woodland and >100,000 stems in a wandoo woodland east of Tambellup<sup>5</sup>.





Planting across a slope provides windbreak as well as linking up two remnants at each end (left 2000, right 2006).



Native hibiscus Alyogyne huegelii is an example of a pioneer species that grows quickly, produces lots of seed, and is short-lived.



Ground cover running postman Kennedia prostrata (foreground) grows well from seed on gravelly soil.

### WEED AND PEST CONTROL



Weed control should be targeted while weeds are actively growing and before flowering to prevent weed seed set. If the site is near a wetland or waterway, it is preferable to use Roundup Bioactive® instead of Roundup® that contains surfactants that are known to damage frog development and can lead to decline or even loss of such fauna species¹. Alternately use a higher rate of glyphosate that doesn't contain surfactants with added spray-grade ammonium sulphate is suitable.

On previously cropped land and most pasture sites, an application of glyphosate 1-2lt/ha (450g/lt) with bifenithrin and 0.5-1.5kg/ha of Simazine® (900g/kg) applied to the site 3-4 weeks prior to establishment should deliver excellent control of pests and weeds. The scalping of the soil during seeding should remove residuals. On white-grey sandy sites do not use more than 0.5kg/ha of Simazine® (900g/kg).

There are no simple 'rules of thumb' for using herbicides and especially residual herbicides. Use of residual herbicides for weed control provides prolonged protection from weeds in the year of planting but needs to be considered in light of the following factors to prevent accidental plant deaths<sup>2</sup>:

- » SOIL TYPE residuals such as Atrazine® and Simazine® are normally kept out of the root ball of seedlings because residuals bind with soil particles. However, they may not bind to coarse sands (e.g. river sand) and therefore may unexpectedly be found to leach into the root zone of the seedlings on these soils with adverse effects on plantings.
- » pH residuals such as Ally® break down quickly in acid soils but don't break down in alkaline soils. Ally® can be used if needed for certain weeds that glyphosate alone may not provide adequate control such as: dock, sorrel, clover, erodium (corkscrew), sour sob and four o'clock. It is applied before sowing seed or planting seedlings provided there has been 25-50 mm rainfall and at least two weeks have elapsed since spraying on acid soils only.
- WHAT IS BEING PLANTED soluble residual herbicides are unsuitable for seed or seedling plantings unless targeted at species that aren't being planted such as grass selectives that can be used the year after planting such as Fuselade®, Verdict® (ie. when grasses haven't been planted!) and Taskforce® for African love grass.
- » METHOD OF PLANTING don't spray weeds prior to mounding as the chemical will be bound up and concentrated in the mounds and cause problems for seed or seedling survival. Spray after mounding but only seedlings can be planted if insoluble residual herbicides used unless scalping off topsoil to remove chemical from the root zone of germinants.
- WHETHER PLANTING BY SEED AND / OR SEEDLINGS as a general rule, direct seeding can be carried out where insoluble residuals are used providing the top-soil is scalped off. Seedlings where insoluble residuals are used don't need to have the topsoil scalped provided mechanical methods of planting are used where the topsoil containing the chemical isn't squished in around the root ball.
- » RAINFALL in addition to the above points, the potential action of leaching of chemical into the root zone of establishing seed germinants / seedlings needs to be considered in context with the method of planting. For example, Simazine® is safe for most seedlings when planted on mounds but if on flat ground and seedlings are planted into a rip line, chemical can be washed into the rip line where it is concentrated and filters down to the root zone and kills off seed / seedlings.

Good references for herbicide information include **Herbiguide** available online at *herbiguide.com.au* or **Southern Weed and Their Control** by John Moore and Judy Wheeler (2005), available from Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA).

Rabbits and excessive kangaroo numbers need to be managed prior to, during and after planting to ensure the survival of the planting. Where rabbits are a big problem on deep sands, fencing with rabbit netting might also be needed to achieve successful establishment. A number of Farmnotes on rabbit baiting are available from the DAFWA <sup>4</sup>. Assistance may also be available through the Red Card for Rabbits & Foxes program which may be accessed by contacting your local Landcare Office or South Coast NRM.

Most of the insect pests that cause damage to newly emerged crop and pasture plants also damage native plants, particularly at the cotyledon to six leaf stage. Preventative applications of insecticide are strongly recommended when direct seeding is used.

For example *Acacia*, *Atriplex*, and some eucalypts are extensively damaged by red-legged earth mite (RLEM). Many *Melaleuca* species (eg *M. hamata*) are not damaged by RLEM. Beetle larvae, Rutherglen bugs, weevils can all cause extensive damage to native plants before and after emergence and through to the several leaf stage. Locusts, wingless grasshoppers, beetles, weevils and Rutherglen bugs cause damage after germination, during the following spring-summer.

Seedlings of all species become resistant to RLEM damage once they have reached the 6 leaf stage and thus nursery raised seedlings are not normally damaged by RLEM. Controlling RLEM is usually not required for seedling only projects. Adding insecticides into the weed control spray mix delivers good results. Adding, for example, bifenithrin and glyphosate together to control insects and weeds 21-28 days prior to sowing is highly effective. A follow up application of insecticide is usually required 2-10 weeks after sowing, depending on the results of the initial insect control.



Spiney rush Juncus acutus shown in this photo is a nasty weed easily distinguished from native rushes by stiff, needle-sharp tips and fan-shaped foliage is easily removed while in low numbers by digging out. Rapidly regenerates and completely covers an area, eliminating all other species and becoming impenetrable to humans and stock<sup>3</sup>.

Grows on wet areas including saline sites.



Good weed control prior to direct seeding and seedling plantings is preferable to relying on post-emergent selective weed control strategies, and provides the opportunity for bare-earth residual insecticide application to protect direct seeding germinants from red-legged earth mite predation.

### **SEED RATES AND MIXES**



A seeding rate of about 0.5 kg per hectare for experienced practitioners is recommended; on difficult soils or for practitioners with little experience at a rate of 700-800g is recommended. In many cases (but not all), biodiversity mixes contain approximately 200-300g/ha of leguminous species, 200-300g of myrtaceous species and the remaining is made up of other species.

General rule of thumb for the seeding rates for trees (e.g. yate, flooded gum, jarrah, marri) is <150g/ha, mallees and melaleucas also <150g/ha, and rock sheoak (*Allocasuarina huegelliana*), that has very high seed use of efficiency, at <5g/ha.

Seed is normally mixed with bulking agents (e.g. fine spongelite, fine vermiculite). These additives increase the total volume of material to be sown and improve the metering (spread) of seed over a site and also assist the movement of seed through the cogs of a seedbox. Usually seed is mixed with bulking agent to form a final volume of 1-3 litres/km of row to be sown.

Fertiliser can be added to this mix but it is desirable to keep and sow fertiliser separately. Approximately 1-10kg of fertiliser can be sown or spread with the seed. It is important to use a low or no phosphorous fertiliser when proteaceous species (e.g. banksias and hakeas) are sown.

Seeding with a precision seeder designed by Geoff Woodall (CommVeg seeder). Good weed control, precision sowing, and a stable soil environment are key to successful direct seeding.

The seeder must be calibrated to deliver the desired amount of seed / bulking agent mix. Aim for 100-200ml of mix/100m of sowing line. To calibrate, simply take off one seed tube from the seed distributor, tie on a plastic bag, travel 100-200m with the drive wheel engaged, take off the bag and measure the volume of the mix in the bag. Use this information to determine sowing rate (litres of mix per km and per ha) and thus total volume of mix required to sow the site.

#### **Seed Treatments**

All legumes (eg *Acacia* and *Kennedia*) are hard-seeded and the seed must be scarified before sowing. The author (Geoff Woodall) routinely uses two 10 second immersions into boiling water (with an immersion in room temperature water between hot water immersion) with consistently good results.

It is very important that each kilogram of seed is placed in an excess (usually five times the volume) of boiling water, that heat is removed via a rinse in cool tap water and that the seed is then dried to its pre-scarification moisture content or bulked up and sown immediately. Mechanical scarification is also suitable though under and over scarification can be a problem.

For many Australian species treating the seed with smoke stimulates germination (breaks dormancy) and can improve seedling vigor. Smoke also has some desirable fungicidal properties.

Many Australian species do not require any seed treatment (e.g. *Hakea laurina*, *Hakea nitida*), however to ensure they do not block the seed box it is recommended that the wings of seeds be removed (rubbed off) prior to sowing.

#### Timing

Optimum time of seeding differs according to climate - earlier in the more arid climates (e.g. mid-upper catchments) and later in wetter areas (e.g. lower Pallinup). Within a region, optimum time of sowing can vary with soil type (dry soils sown earlier, moist sites sown later). Time of sowing is also species dependent. Typically dry sites are sown late April-May and wet sites, late winter (late July).

#### Sowing Depth

Aim to sow most fine seeded species at a depth of 2-5mm; in soil prone to drying out (e.g. sand) or when dry seasonal conditions prevail increase the sowing depth by another 2-5mm or so.

Sow larger seeds deeper at 10-20mm; in soil prone to drying out or when dry seasonal conditions prevail, increase the sowing depth by another 10mm or so.

Some large seeds (e.g. *Banksia*) do not germinate well at depth, and thus when legumes, larger seeded eucalypts and banksias are combined in a mix a sowing depth of 10-15mm is recommended. When sowing a simple legume mix (e.g. *Kennedia* species and *Acacia saligna* for forage) on light textured soils, sow seeds at a depth of 20-30mm.



An ideal scalp created by the CommVeg seeder. 5-7cm of soil being removed from the centre of each scalp, grading to 0cm on the outer sides of each scalp line.



Soil preparation achieved with the CommVeg seeder. The machine was travelling from left to right and the image shows the view behind the scalper, showing clean dirt being ripped (spring tyne), small tillage disks and the first wheel of the floating seeder arm which places the seed and presses the seed sowing trench.

## **DIEBACK AND HYGIENE ISSUES**





Farms are often free of dieback because they don't have public access and can be a stronghold for spectacular species such as this bull banksia Banksia grandis provided care is taken not to introduce the dieback pathogen.

Approximately forty percent of native plants of south Western Australia are susceptible to dieback (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*). Dieback infestation is chronic on the South Coast (from Walpole to Esperance) where very few large patches of un-infested bush remain. It is therefore critical to the health of the bushland and associated fauna to keep dieback-free status where this still exists.

Landowners with dieback-free bush on private property have the greatest ability to protect these areas by controlling access and following hygiene protocols to prevent infection 6.

Dieback is easily introduced with contaminated soil and spreads in the soil by water. Hence lower-landscape areas are most susceptible. Infection is most common in areas with rainfall >400mm but wet areas of the landscape in more arid areas are still capable of hosting the dieback fungus.

Strategies to minimise spread of dieback when undertaking revegetation:

- » Avoid revegetation in bushland that is able to regenerate naturally (e.g. isn't inundated with annual grasses) - eliminates the risk of introducing dieback through contaminated seedlings.
- » Consider direct seeding rather than planting seedlings where practical.
- » Purchase plants from nurseries with Nursery Industry Accreditation Scheme Australia (NIASA) accreditation.
- » Complete planting when soil is moist, but not wet.
- » If moving from one area of the bushland to another, ensure that all equipment and shoes are free of mud and soil. Brush soil from footwear and equipment and spray with solution (70% methylated spirits to 30% water) to disinfect between sites. Work from high points to low points in each paddock.
- » Do not use mulch, or only use mulch that has been well composted (the heating process kills Phytophthora cinnamomi)?.

More information about dieback can be found online at dieback.org.au

Vegetation communities in the mid-upper Frankland and Gordon River Catchment

## **MALLET HILLS**



- » Breakaways or upper slopes and ridges on pink or reddish water repellent soils
- » Maybe gravelly, often acidic » Blue and brown mallet

Breakawa

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Acacia acuminata	jam	
Alocasuarina huegeliana	rock sheoak	associated with granite
Eucalyptus astringens	brown mallet	
Eucalyptus falcata		
Eucalyptus gardneri ssp. gardneri	blue mallet	
Eucalyptus marginata ssp. marginata	jarrah	if gravelly, not east Broomehill or NE Tambellup
Eucalyptus pluricaulis ssp. pluricaulis		
Eucalyptus pluricaulis ssp. porphyrea	purple leaved mallee	
Eucalyptus thamnoides / ssp. megista		
Eucalyptus wandoo	wandoo / white gum	
MID STOREY		
Acacia saligna	orange wattle	
Alyogyne huegelii	native hibsicus	
Goodia medicaginea *	clover-leaf poison	
Rhagodia preissii ssp. preissii		
LOWER STOREY		
Acacia varia ssp. crassinervis		
Atriplex semibaccata		
Austrostipa variabilis	native speargrass	
Banksia armata	prickly dryandra	if gravelly
Brachysema praemorsum	cut-leaf pea	
Carpobrotus modestus	inland pigface	
Eutaxia microphylla ssp. microphylla		
Kennedia coccinea ssp. coccinea		
Neurachne alopecuoidea	fox tail mulga	
Rytidosperma caespitosum	wallaby grass	

<sup>\*</sup> maybe toxic to stock

# POORLY DRAINED SANDY DUPLEX

» Lower slopes, drainage lines and broad valley floors

» Flooded gum, york gum and flat-topped yate woodlands

cacia declinata

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Acacia microbotrya	manna wattle	
Allocasuarina huegeliana	rock sheoak	
Corymbia calophylla	marri	
Eucalyptus cornuta	yate	Cranbrook shire - sand, loam
Eucalyptus decipiens	moit	
Eucalyptus occidentalis	flat-topped yate	
Eucalyptus orthostemon		
Eucalyptus phenax ssp. phenax		Broomehill-Tambellup
Eucalyptus rudis	flooded gum	sand or loam
Eucalyptus thamnoides ssp. megista	brown mallee	
Eucalyptus vegrandis ssp. recondita		North Stirlings only
Eucalyptus wandoo ssp. wandoo	wandoo	
Eucalyptus xanthonema ssp. xanthonema		
Melaleuca cuticularis	salt-water paperbark	
Melaleuca rhapiophylla	swamp paperbark	on larger watercourses
Melaleuca strobophylla		
MID STOREY		
. ,	Broomehill-Tambellup	
MID STOREY	Broomehill-Tambellup	
MID STOREY Acacia brachyclada	Broomehill-Tambellup orange wattle	
MID STOREY  Acacia brachyclada  Acacia cupularis	·	
MID STOREY  Acacia brachyclada  Acacia cupularis  Acacia saligna	orange wattle	
MID STOREY  Acacia brachyclada  Acacia cupularis  Acacia saligna  Alyogyne huegelii	orange wattle	
MID STOREY  Acacia brachyclada  Acacia cupularis  Acacia saligna  Alyogyne huegelii  Callistemon phoeniceus	orange wattle lilac hibiscus fiery bottlebrush	Cranbrook
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BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
Melaleuca hamulosa		
Melaleuca ordinifolia		
Melaleuca pentagona		
Melaleuca spathulata		seasonally wet flats, low ridges
Melaleuca thyoides		eastern areas
Melaleuca thymoides		
Melaleuca viminea		
Regelia inops		
Rhagodia preissii ssp. preissii		
Templetonia retusa	cockies tongues	east Cranbrook
Viminaria juncea	swish bush	
LOWER STOREY		
Acacia declinata		east Cranbrook
Acacia glaucoptera	clay wattle	east Cranbrook, Broomehill- Tambellup
Acacia lasiocarpa var. sedifolia		
Acacia leptospermoides ssp. leptospermoides		
Acacia pulchella var goadbyi		
Acacia sphacelata ssp. recurva		
Acacia stenoptera	narrow winged wattle	
Atriplex semibaccata	creeping salt bush	
Austrostipa elegantissima	elegant spear grass	
Austrostipa juncifolia	rush grass / salt grass	
Brachysema latifolium		Cranbrook
Brachysema sericeum		Cranbrook
Carpobrotus modestus	inland pigface	
Darwinia vestita	pom-pom darwinia	Cranbrook only
Dianella brevicaulis		
Ficinia nodosa	knotted club rush	sand / dark sandy clay moist sites
Hakea marginata		
Isopogon buxifolius		sandy soils
Juncus kraussii	sea rush	wet sites
Juncus pallidus	pale rush	moist sites
Kennedia coccinea ssp. coccinea		

# MODERATELY DRAINED SANDY DUPLEX

- » Crests, upper and lower slopes
- » Well drained sand or sandy loam over clay at 10-60 cm; seasonally perched water-table common
- » Wandoo & marri / york gum woodlands on moderately drained sandy duplex soils

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY (trees / mallees)		
Acacia acuminata	jam wattle	
Acacia microbotrya	manna wattle	
Allocasuarina huegelliana	rock sheoak	
Eucalyptus decipiens	moit	
Eucalyptus loxophleba ssp loxophleba	york gum	Broomehill and east Tambellup only
Eucalyptus phenax		Broomehill-Tambellup
Eucalyptus vegrandis ssp. recondita		North Stirlings only
Eucalyptus wandoo ssp. wandoo	wandoo / white gum	
Exocarpos sparteus	native cherry	
Hakea laurina	pincushion hakea	
Santalum acuminatum	quandong	
MID STOREY (shrubs > 1m tall)		
Acacia saligna	orange wattle	
Acacia sphacelata ssp. recurva		
Billardiera fusiformis	bluebells	
Calothamnus quadrifidus	one-sided bottlebrush	
Hakea corymbosa	cauliflower hakea	
Hakea lissocarpha	honey bush	
Hakea prostrata	harsh hakea	
Hakea trifurcata	two-leaf hakea	
Hakea undulata	wavy-leaved hakea	
Hypocalymma angustifolium	honey myrtle	
Leptospermum erubescens	tea tree	
Melaleuca hamata	broom bush	
Melaleuca spathulata	purple honey myrtle	seasonally wet flats, low ridges
UNDER STOREY (shrubs < 1m, herbs)		
Acacia consobrina		
Acacia lasiocarpa ssp sedifolia		
Acacia stenoptera	narrow winged wattle	
Austrostipa elegantissima	elegant spear grass	
Bossiaea eriocarpa	common brown pea	



BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
Brachysema praemorsum	cut-leaf pea	
Carpobrotus modestus	inland pigface	
Dianella brevicaulis		
Melaleuca carrii		
Melaleuca subtrigona		
Rhagodia preissii ssp. preissii		

## SALT-AFFECTED LAND



- » Valley floors, drainage lines and saline seeps on hillslopes
- » Salt-tolerant vegetation: samphire and barley grass
- » Salt-affected land

Melaleuca thyoides & M. cuticularis

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Eucalyptus occidentalis	flat-topped yate	on barley grass areas
Eucalyptus othostemon		
Eucalyptus rudis	flooded gum	on barley grass areas
Eucalyptus vergrandis ssp recondita		
Melaleuca cuticularis	saltwater paperbark	alluvium, sand, clay
Melaleuca strobophylla		clay, sandy silt
MID STOREY		
Billardiera fusiformis	bluebells	
Callistemon phoeniceus	fiery bottlebrush	
Callitris pyramidalis	swamp cypress	shallow duplex
Melaleuca brevifolia		
Melaleuca hamulosa		
Melaleuca lateriflora		
Melaleuca ordinifolia		
Melaleuca thyoides	salt-lake myrtle	
Melaleuca viminea		
LOWER STOREY		
Acacia redolens (prostrate form)	vanilla wattle	not local species (from Ongerup) but good habitat
Atriplex semibaccata	creeping saltbush	clay, sand, loam, laterite
Austrostipa juncifolia	rush-leaved grass	
Enchylaena tomentosa ssp tomentosa	ruby saltbush	
Ficinia nodosa	knotted club rush	sand, sandy clay, granite, limestone
Juncus kraussii	sea rush	white or grey sand, clay; high salt tolerance
Juncus pallidus	pale rush	
Sporobolus virginicus	marine couch	seedling only
Verticordia plumosa		on barley grass

Vegetation communities in the mid-upper Frankland and Gordon River Catchment

# SALT LAKES

» Variable soils and seasonally waterlogged for species growing above wet area on deep sands, see deep pale sand

» Melaleuca thickets

Salt lake in Balijup Wetland Suite

	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
	UPPER STOREY		
	Eucalyptus phenax ssp. phenax		not south western areas
	Eucalyptus occidentalis	flat-topped yate	
	Eucalyptus orthostemon		
	Eucalyptus spathulata	swamp mallet	eastern areas
	Eucalyptus thamnoides	brown mallee	on gravelly clay
	Melaleuca cuticularis	salt-water paperbark	
	Melaleuca strobophylla		
	MID STOREY		
	Callistemon phoeniceus	fiery bottlebrush	
	Callitris pyramidalis	swamp cypress	
	Kunzea recurva		
	Maireana brevifolia	small leaf bluebush	
	Melaleuca acuminata		eastern areas
	Melaleuca brevifolia		
	Melaleuca densa		western areas
	Melaleuca halmaturorum		
	Melaleuca ordinifolia		
	Melaleuca spathulata		
	Rhagodia preissii ssp. preissii		
	LOWER STOREY		
	Acacia redolens	vanilla wattle	
	Atriplex semibaccata	creeping saltbush	
	Darwinia vestita	pom-pom darwinia	Cranbrook
	Disphyma crassifolium	round-leaved pigface	
	Ficinia nodosa	knotted club rush	sand / sandy clay
	Juncus kraussii	sea rush	
	Melaleuca carrii		

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# **GRAVEL RIDGES & SLOPES**

» Hillcrests and upper slopes » Jarrah, marri, wandoo/mallee



BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Acacia acuminata	jam	
Allocasuarina huegelliana	rock sheoak	
Banksia grandis	bull banksia	
Corymbia calophylla	marri	
Eucalyptus astringens	brown mallet	on gravelly clay
Eucalyptus decipiens	moit	
Eucalyptus falcata	silver mallee	
Eucalyptus incrassata	ridge-fruited mallee	
Eucalyptus marginata ssp. marginata	jarrah	not east Broomehill-Tambellup
Eucalyptus phenax ssp phenax	white mallee / woodland mallee	
Eucalyptus pluricaulis ssp. porphyrea	purple-leaved mallee	
Eucalyptus sporadica		Broomehill-Tambellup
Eucalyptus wandoo ssp. wandoo	wandoo	
MID STOREY		
Acacia mytrifolia		Cranbrook on sand / sandy gravel
Agonis theiformis		south west Cranbrook
Banksia sessilis/var sessilis	parrot bush	
Banksia sphaerocarpa	round-fruit banksia	
Billardiera fusiformis	bluebells	
Bossiaea linophylla	eggs and bacon	
Calothamnus quadrifidus	one-sided bottlebrush	
Hakea prostrata	harsh hakea	
Hakea ruscifolia	candle hakea	
Hakea trifurcata	two-leaf hakea	
Hakea undulata	wavy-leaved hakea	
Jacksonia sternbergiana	stinkwood	
Melaleuca pentagona		
Melaleuca pungens		
Xanthorrhoea playtphylla	grass tree	
LOWER STOREY		
Acacia browniana ssp. intermedia		
Acacia chrysocephala		
Acacia drummondii ssp. elegans		not Broomehill-Tambellup
Acacia lasiocarpa var sedifolia		

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
Acacia pulchella ssp. pulchella	prickly moses	
Acacia stenoptera	narrow winged wattle	
Acacia varia ssp. crassinervis		
Astroloma compactum		
Astroloma pallidum	kick bush	
Austrostipa mollis	native spear grass	
Babingtonia camphorosmae	camphor myrtle	
Banksia armata		clay gravel
Banksia caleyi	Cayley's banksia	east Cranbrook
Banksia gardneri		
Billardiera variifolia		
Boronia spathulata		
Bossiaea eriocarpa	common brown pea	
Bossiaea ornata	broad-leaved brown pea	
Brachysema praemorsum	cut-leaf pea	
Calothamnus sanguineus	silky-leaved blood flower	
Conostylis aculeata	prickly conostylis	
Daviesia preissii		
Dillwynia laxiflora		not north or east of Broomehill-Tambellup
Hakea lehmanniana	blue hakea	
Hakea lissocarpha	honey bush	
Kennedia coccinea	coral vine	
Kennedia prostrata	running postman	
Kunzea preissiana		upper Cranbrook catchment
Macrozamia riedlei	zamia palm	
Melaleuca subtrigona		west Cranbrook
Neurachne alopecuroidea	fox-tail mulga	
Patersonia occidentalis	purple flag	
Pultenaea ericifolia		
Rytidosperma caespitosum / setaceum / acerosum	wallaby grass	
Stylidium repens		
Tetraria octandra		
Trachymene pilosa	native parsnip	

andii ssp. elegans
not Broomehill-Tambellup
Trachymene pilosa
native parsnip

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# ROCKY OUTCROPS

- » Granite, dolerite, quartz and hard ironstone
- » Wandoo, york gum



BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY	•	
Acacia acuminata	jam	
Allocasuarina huegeliana	rock sheoak	
Eucalyptus phenax ssp. phenax	Port Lincoln mallee	eastern areas on flats, wet depressions
Eucalyptus cornuta	yate	Cranbrook only
Eucalyptus falcata	silver mallee	
Eucalyptus incrassata	ridge-fruited mallee	
Eucalyptus loxophleba ssp. loxophleba		Broomehill, east Tambellup and Cranbrook
Eucalyptus phaenophylla		
Eucalyptus platypus	moort	Broomehill-Tambellup
Eucalyptus sporadica		Broomehill-Tambellup
Eucalyptus thamnoides/ssp. megista	brown mallee	
Eucalyptus vegrandis ssp. recondita	clay mallee	
Eucalyptus wandoo	wandoo/white gum	
Hakea laurina	pincussion hakea	
MID STOREY		
Acacia saligna	orange wattle	
Banksia mucronulata		ironstone gravel/laterite
Beaufortia cyrtodonta		ironstone gravel
Billardiera fusiformis	bluebells	
Calothamnus quadrifidus	one-sided bottlebrush	
Goodia medicaginea*	clover-leaf poison	
Hakea prostrata	harsh hakea	
Hakea trifurcata	two-leaf hakea	
Hakea undulata	wavy-leaved hakea	
Kunzea recurva		
Melaleuca pungens		
Melaleuca spathulata		
LOWER STOREY		
Acacia browniana / ssp. intermedia		
Acacia lasiocarpa var sedifolia		
Acacia varia ssp. crassinervis		



Austrostipa variabilis  Banksia armata  Banksia drummondii  Banksia nivea  Bossiaea peduncularis  Calothamnus planifolius  Daviesia preissii  Ficinia nodosa  Hakea lehmanniana  Hakea lissocarpha  Hakea marginata  Microlaena stipoides  Neurachne alopecuroidea  Themeda australis  Prickly dryandra  Broomehill-Tambellup, east Cranbrook on gravelly clay  where access to moisture  Harea where access to moisture  in winter-wet areas  Melaleuca subtrigona  Microlaena stipoides  Neurachne alopecuroidea  Themeda australis  Kangaroo grass  Trymalium ledifolium	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
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Themeda australis kangaroo grass	Microlaena stipoides	weeping rice grass	
	Neurachne alopecuroidea	fox-tail mulga	
Trymalium ledifolium	Themeda australis	kangaroo grass	
	Trymalium ledifolium		

<sup>\*</sup> maybe toxic to stock



# PALE DEEP SANDS

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» Grey / white sand deeper than 80cm » Crests & slopes » Christmas tree, Banksia attenuata

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Acacia acuminata	jam	
Allocasuarina huegelliana	rock sheoak	
Banksia attenuata	slender banksia	
Banksia coccinea	scarlet banksia	east Cranbrook
Banksia grandis	bull banksia	
Corymbia calophylla	marri	west of Tambellup and Cranbrook
Eucalyptus angulosa	ridge-fruited mallee	north Stirlings only
Eucalyptus decipiens	moit	
Eucalyptus incrassata	ridge-fruited mallee	
Eucalyptus marginata ssp. marginata	jarrah	not east Broomehill-Tambellup
Eucalyptus phaenophylla		north Stirlings, Broomehill, east Tambellup
Eucalyptus phenax ssp. phenax		Broomehill and east Tambellup
Eucalyptus platypus	moort	Broomehill-Tambellup
Eucalyptus sporadica		Broomehill, east Tambellup
Eucalyptus uncinata	hook-leaf mallee	
Eucalyptus vegrandis ssp. recondita	clay mallee (also grows on sand!)	Cranbrook and east Tambellup
Nuytsia floribunda	WA Christmas tree	plant seed near host 2nd year after planting
MID STOREY		
Acacia brachyclada		Broomehill-Tambellup
		Broomehill-Tambellup
Acacia brachyclada	rigid wattle	Broomehill-Tambellup
Acacia brachyclada Acacia cupularis	rigid wattle	Broomehill-Tambellup  Cranbrook only
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	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
	Hakea preissii		
	Hakea prostrata	harsh hakea	
	Hakea trifurcata	two-leaf hakea	
	Hakea undulata		
	Hakea varia		
	Jacksonia furcellata	grey stinkwood	
	Kunzea ericifolia	spearwood	
	Kunzea recurva		
	Lambertia inermis var. inermis	chittick	
	Leptospermum erubescens	kerosene bush / roadside teatree	
	Leptospermum oligandrum		
	Melaleuca spathulata		wet flats, low ridges
	Melaleuca thymoides		
	Regelia cymbifolia		Broomehill-Tambellup
	Regelia inops		
	LOWER STOREY		
	Acacia cochlearis		
	Acacia laricina var. laricina		
	Astroloma baxteri		
	Austrostipa elegantissima	elegant spear-grass	
	Austrostipa variabilis		
	Baeckea preissiana		Cranbrook only
	Banksia caleyi		east Cranbrook
	Banksia meisneri	Meisner's banksia	Broomehill-Tambellup
	Banksia nutans	nodding banksia	Cranbrook only
	Banksia repens	creeping banksia	
	Brachysema praemorsum	cut-leaf pea	
	Calytrix flavescens	summer starflower	
	Carpobrotus modestus	inland pigface	
	Conostylis setigera		
	Dianella brevicaulis		
	Hemiandra pungens	snakebush	
	Kennedia coccinea	coral vine	
	Kunzea preissiana		
	Melaleuca carrii		
	Melaleuca subtrigona		
	Schoenus caespititius		
	Stirlingia latifolia	blueboy	Cranbrook, Kojonup
	Stylidium repens	matted triggerplant	Cranbrook, Kojonup

# **RED SOILS OFTEN WITH GRAVEL & DYKES**



Note - Dominant species shown in bold

» Red / Red-Brown soils » Upper to lower slopes » Jam, wandoo, flooded gum, marris

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Acacia acuminata	jam	
Acacia microbotrya	manna wattle	
Allocasuarina huegeliana	rock sheoaks	
Corymbia calophylla	marri	not east of Broomehill-Tambellup
Eucalyptus cornuta	yate	Cranbrook
Eucalyptus rudis	flooded gum	
Eucalyptus wandoo sp. wandoo	wandoo / white gum	
MID STOREY		
Acacia extensa		
Acacia saligna	orange wattle	
Billardiera fusiformis	bluebells	
Bossiaea linophylla	eggs and bacon	
Calothamnus quadrifidus	one-sided bottlebrush	
Hakea prostrata	harsh hakea	
Hakea ruscifolia		
Hakea trifurcata	two-leaf hakea	
Hakea undulata	wavy-leaved hakea	
Jacksonia sternbergiana	stinkwood	
UNDER STOREY		
Acacia bidentata		
Acacia lasiocarpa var. sedifolia		
Bossiaea eriocarpa	common brown pea	
Brachysema praemorsum	cut-leaf pea	
Calothamnus planifolius		
Dianella brevicaulis		
Hakea lehmanniana	blue hakea	
Hakea lissocarpha	honey bush	
Rhodanthe manglesii	pink everlasting	
Hibbertia hemignosta	buttercup	
Juncus pallidus	pale rush	
Lechenaultia biloba	blue lechenaultia	
Lechenaultia formosa	red lechenaultia	
Lechenaultia formosa <b>Microlanea stipoides</b>	red lechenaultia weeping rice grass	
Microlanea stipoides	weeping rice grass	
Microlanea stipoides Neurachne alopecuroidea	weeping rice grass fox-tail mulga	
Microlanea stipoides Neurachne alopecuroidea Pimelea ciliata ssp. ciliata	weeping rice grass fox-tail mulga white banjine	
Microlanea stipoides Neurachne alopecuroidea Pimelea ciliata ssp. ciliata Pimelea suaveolens ssp. suaveolens	weeping rice grass fox-tail mulga white banjine scented banjine	

Vegetation communities in the mid-upper Frankland and Gordon River Catchment

# GREY TO GREYISH BROWN SOILS

» Hard-setting grey clay loam and clay including cracking clays and crabbole clays, lower slopes and valley floors

» Flat-topped yate / moort / mallee

Allocasuarina microstachya Austrostipa juncifolia

Banksia armata Hakea lissocarpha Melaleuca subtrigona Verticordia plumosa



Note - Dominant species shown in bold

'contains 1080, toxic to stock

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Acacia acuminata	jam	
Eucalyptus phenax/ssp. phenax		
Eucalyptus macrandra	river yate	
Eucalyptus occidentalis	flat-topped yate	
Eucalyptus thamnoides	brown mallee	valley floors, undulating outcrops
Eucalyptus vegrandis ssp. recondita	clay mallee	
Hakea laurina	pincussion hakea	
Hakea preissii	needlie tree	
Melaleuca cuticularis	salt-water paperbark	
MID STOREY		
Acacia brachyclada		Broomehill-Tambellup
Acacia cupularis		
Acacia saligna	orange wattle	
Callistemon phoeniceus	fiery bottlebrush	
Gastrolobium spinosum*	prickly poison	
Hakea corymbosa	cauliflower hakea	
Hakea varia	variable-leaved hakea	
Melaleuca acuminata		
Melaleuca brevifolia	mallee myrtle	
Melaleuca brophyi		
Melaleuca hamata	broom bush	
Melaleuca spathulata	purple honey myrtle	
Melaleuca thyoides	salt-lake honey myrtle	
Melaleuca torquata		east Broomehill-Tambellup
Melaleuca viminea	Mohan	
UNDER STOREY		
Acacia bidentata		
Acacia erinacea		Broomehill-Tambellup
Acacia ferocior		
Acacia glaucoptera (prostrate form)	clay wattle / flat wattle	
Acacia lasiocarpa var sedifolia		

rush-leaved grass

plumed feather-flower

low, wet areas

# STIRLING RANGE OUTLIER COMPLEX



» Upper slope, on rocky yellow brown loam to clay loam recorded from a range of sites on similar geology to Sukey Hill, Cranbrook

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Eucalyptus preissiana	bell-fruited mallee	
Eucalyptus decipiens	moit	
Eucalyptus falcata	silver mallee	
Eucalyptus xanthonema		
Eucalyptus lehmannii ssp. parallela		
Eucalyptus marginata	jarrah	
Eucalyptus pleurocarpa		
MID STOREY		
Banksia sphaerocarpa ssp. sphaerocarpa	round-fruit banksia	
Beaufortia anisandra		
Calothamnus quadrifidus	one-sided bottlebrush	
Hakea ambigua		
Hakea baxteri		
Hakea cygna		
Hypocalymma angustifolium	honey myrtle	
Kunzea micromera		
Kunzea recurva		
Melaleuca spathulata		
Taxandria spathulata		
Xanthorrhoea platyphylla		
LOWER STOREY		
Acacia squamata		
Alocasuarina humilis		
Alocasuarina thuyoides		
Banksia armata		
Banksia drummondii		
Banksia tenuis ssp. tenuis		
Beaufortia schaueri		
Calothamnus sanguineus		
Darwinia vestita	pom-pom darwinia	
Hakea lehmanniana	blue hakea	
Melaleuca villosisepala	hairy Melaleuca	
Neurachne alopecuroidea	fox-tail mulga	
Verticordia habrantha		

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Vegetation communities in the mid-upper Frankland and Gordon River Catchment

## STIRLING RANGE OUTLIER COMPLEX

» Balicup Rd / Hamila Hill Rd, CB Lambertia ericifolia / Banksia coccinea tall shrubland light grey / pink sand mid slope, adapted from Sandiford 2012, pp. 32, 36

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Lambertia ericifolia	heath-leaved honeysuckle	
Banksia coccinea	scarlet banksia	
MID STOREY		
Melaleuca thymoides		
Jacksonia grevilleoides		
Adenanthos cuneatus	coastal jug-flower	
UNDER STOREY		
Schoenus curvifolius		
Caustis diocia		
Stylidium repens	matted trigger plant	
Rytidosperma acerosum	syn. wallaby grass	

# WET SOIL

- » Various soils which are waterlogged from 30 to 80 cm or less for a major part of the year
- » Swamps, lakes, non-saline hillside seeps
- » Flooded gum, flat-topped yate

Flat-topped yate, pale rush understorey

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Acacia microbotrya	manna wattle	
Allocasuarina huegelliana	rock sheoak	
Banksia littoralis	swamp banksia	on grey or black peaty sand
Corymbia calophylla	marri	
Eucalyptus decipiens	moit	
Eucalyptus occidentalis	flat-topped yate	sand or clay soils
Eucalyptus rudis	flooded gum	sand or loam
Eucalyptus vegrandis ssp. recondita	clay mallee	
Eucalyptus wandoo	wandoo	
Melaleuca cuticularis	salt-water paperbark	
Melaleuca preissiana	fresh-water paperbark	on sandier soils
Melaleuca rhaphiophylla	swamp paperbark	range of soil types
Melaleuca strobophylla		on heavier soils
MID STOREY		
Acacia extensa		
Acacia saligna	orange wattle	
J	orange wattie	
Billardiera fusiformis	bluebells	
		Cranbrook
Billardiera fusiformis		Cranbrook
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla	bluebells	Cranbrook
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla <b>Hakea corymbosa</b>	bluebells	Cranbrook
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla Hakea corymbosa Hakea prostrata	bluebells	Cranbrook
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla Hakea corymbosa Hakea prostrata Hakea varia	bluebells	Cranbrook
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla Hakea corymbosa Hakea prostrata Hakea varia Kunzea micromera	bluebells	Cranbrook heavier soil
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla Hakea corymbosa Hakea prostrata Hakea varia Kunzea micromera Kunzea recurva	bluebells	
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla Hakea corymbosa Hakea prostrata Hakea varia Kunzea micromera Kunzea recurva Melaleuca densa	bluebells	heavier soil
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla Hakea corymbosa Hakea prostrata Hakea varia Kunzea micromera Kunzea recurva Melaleuca densa Melaleuca hamulosa	bluebells  cauliflower hakea	heavier soil heavier soil
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla Hakea corymbosa Hakea prostrata Hakea varia Kunzea micromera Kunzea recurva Melaleuca densa Melaleuca lateritia	bluebells  cauliflower hakea	heavier soil heavier soil
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla Hakea corymbosa Hakea prostrata Hakea varia Kunzea micromera Kunzea recurva Melaleuca densa Melaleuca lateritia Melaleuca spathulata	bluebells  cauliflower hakea	heavier soil heavier soil west Cranbrook / southwest Kojonup
Billardiera fusiformis Hakea ceratophylla Hakea corymbosa Hakea prostrata Hakea varia Kunzea micromera Kunzea recurva Melaleuca densa Melaleuca hamulosa Melaleuca lateritia Melaleuca spathulata Melaleuca thymoides	bluebells  cauliflower hakea	heavier soil heavier soil west Cranbrook / southwest Kojonup

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
Pericalymma spongiocaule		
Viminaria juncea	swish bush	
LOWER STOREY		
Sporobolus virginicus	marine couch	
Acacia pulchella var. goadbyi		
Baumea articulata	jointed rush	indicator of fresh water grows in emergent zone*
Baumea juncea	bare twigrush	
Brachysema latifolium		Cranbrook
Brachysema melanopetalum	black-flowered pea	
Brachysema sericeum		Cranbrook
Calothamnus lateralis		west Cranbrook
Cyathochaeta avenacea		Cranbrook
Dianella brevicaulis		
Juncus pallidus	pale rush	
Melaleuca violacea		
Patersonia occidentalis	purple flag	
Verticordia plumosa	plumed feather-flower	

# YELLOW & BROWN DEEP SANDS

- » Valley floors, often as low dunes & on slopes
- » Banksia, Christmas tree, paperbarks, sheoak

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Banksia attenuata, rock sheoak & jam wattle

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
UPPER STOREY		
Acacia acuminata	jam	
Acacia microbotrya	manna wattle	
Allocasuarina huegeliana	rock sheoak	
Eucalyptus falcata	silver mallee	
Eucalyptus incrassata	ridge-fruited mallee	
Eucalyptus phaenophylla		
Eucalyptus phenax ssp. phenax		
Banksia attenuata	slender banksia	
Eucalyptus marginata ssp. marginata		mallee form
Nuytsia floribunda	WA Christmas tree	plant seed near host 2nd year after planting
MID STOREY		
Acacia brachyclada		Broomehill-Tambellup
Acacia saligna	orange wattle	
Acacia triptycha		Cranbrook
Allocasuarina humilis	dwarf sheoak	
Banksia sessilis / var. sessilis	parrot bush	
Billardiera fusiformis	bluebells	
Hakea corymbosa	cauliflower hakea	
Hakea lissocarpha	honey bush	
Hakea prostrata	harsh hakea	
Hakea ruscifolia	candle hakea	
Hakea trifurcata	two-leaf hakea	
Hakea undulata		
Jacksonia furcellata	grey stinkwood	
Leptospermum erebescens	teatree	
LOWER STOREY		
Acacia laricina var. laricina		
Acacia lasiocarpa var sedifolia		
Allocasuarina microstachya		
Banksia repens	creeping banksia	
Bossiaea eriocarpa	common brown pea	



BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTES
Darwinia vestita		
Ficinia nodosa	knotted club rush	valley floors
Hakea lehmanniana	blue hakea	
Hypocalymma angustifolia	honey myrtle	
Juncus pallidus	pale rush	valley floors
Melaleuca carrii		
Melaleuca subtrigona		
Neurachne alopecuroidea	fox-tail mulga	
Patersonia occidentalis	purple flag	
Themeda triandra	kangaroo grass	

### **GLOSSARY**

#### » BIODIVERSITY

Biodiversity is the variety of all life - the different plants, animals and micro-organisms - the genes they contain and the ecosystems of which they form part.

#### » COMMUNITY

An assemblage of species populations that occur together in the same place at the same time.

#### » NSPNR

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#### » ECOSYSTEM

Includes all the animals, plants and physical interactions of a defined space.

#### » RESILIENCE

The ability of a community to return to its original state following displacement.

#### » RESISTANCE

The ability of a community to avoid displacement.

#### » STABILITY

Involves two components: resilience and resistance 8.

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